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### COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 71,333,000 pounds on February 15, 1941, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1414 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 86,880,000 pounds in cold storage on January 15, 1941, this represents a decrease of 15,547,000 pounds, or 18 percent. It also indicates an increase of 8,711,000 pounds over the February 15, 1940, figure of 62,622,000 pounds; and of 18 percent over the five-year average of 60,362,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended February 15, 1941, amounted to 7,613,000 pounds, which is but 718,000 pounds less than the production during the same period a year ago, but 2,375,000 pounds, or 45 percent, above the five-year average of 5,238,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show whiting in the lead with 6.3 million pounds, followed by halibut (5.7 million pounds); pollock (4.9 million pounds); mackerel

(except Spanish) with 4.3 million pounds; and haddock with 4.1 million pounds. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (5.1 million pounds) predominated, with scallops (1.1 million pounds) in second place.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England (19.3 million pounds) leading, with the North Central East area (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) in second place with 15.0 million pounds; followed by the Pacific area (13.5 million pounds) and the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 13.1 million pounds.

Other items in the bulletin give 14.2 million pounds of cured herring, and 3.4 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of February 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of frozen fish were on hand as of February 1, 1941: Halibut--2,122,212 pounds; mackerel--1,341,049 pounds; salmon--6,117,432 pounds; sea herring--6,026,010 pounds; whitefish--573,601 pounds; cod fillets--1,885,857 pounds; all other varieties--8,958,163 pounds.